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SENATOR PIRSCH: Senator Chambers, I remember when, and I can't remember how long ago, when you had the social security number taken off of the driver's license.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Do you recall that?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Do you think that this is maybe a holdover from that time when if someone was stopped for a traffic infraction and they were given the driver's license and asked the person for the social security number, then they could see if, indeed, this was a valid, the same person that, that gave them the driver's license.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That's plausible, that could have been.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Okay. Has there been a bad experience that you can relate, as why you...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR PIRSCH: ...brought this up even?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, there have been a number of people who were asked for their social security number. Knowing they don't have to put it on the driver's license or other public documents, they refused to give it...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and they were arrested for not giving this information. So something escalated from a citation to an arrest because a person didn't want to give his or her social security number.

SENATOR PIRSCH: What, what does it hurt if you give someone your social security number?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: There are people who obtain social security numbers and misuse them and cause a serious problem for the people's whose numbers...